











BOARD OF PENSIONS  
BILL.

HOGGE'S AMENDMENT.

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OPPOSITION TRIUMPH.

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BE MODIFIED.

House of Commons yesterday agreed to the Money Resolution of the Board of Pensions Bill, Mr. Arthur Henderson stating that the salary of the proposed

Parliamentary Secretary to the Board would be £1,200 a year.

ensions. He asked the Government seriously to consider whether it was worth while going on with the bill in its present form.

Arthur Henderson, in reply to criticisms, pointed out that power to deal with the several Warrants already vested in the

board as set up by the bill.

Further discussion, in the course of which several members announced that in case of a division they would support the amendment, Mr. Henderson said that he was convinced that the majority of the House was in favour of the principle

... those was in favor of the principle of the amendment he would be rather disposed to accept it; but he did not undertake to put into the bill every suggestion that had been made. He was prepared to go a long way; but the Government were firmly convinced that ser-

Government War Obligations Bill was  
read a first time.

HOUSE OF COMMONS—Monday.  
SPEAKER took the chair at 2.45.  
SALES OF ENEMY PROPERTY.  
PRETYMAN informed Mr. Hunt that  
number of enemy businesses dealt with

Section 1 of the Trading with the Enemy Act, which either enemy property or enemy shares had been sold was approximately

**CONDITION OF AN INDIAN HOSPITAL.**  
Mr HUNT asked a question with reference to the alleged bad and verminous condition of a hospital at Lucknow.

CHAMBERLAIN said that although the  
who lodged the complaint withheld his  
the India Office had ordered an investiga-  
This had been conducted by Sir Charles  
the Commander-in-Chief, who reported  
the allegations were baseless; and who, to-  
with the Viceroy, uttered a strong pro-  
testant anonymous and baseless charges

JAMES HOPE informed Mr. J. M. Pearson that the British Government had a proposal, which he understood had been made by the German Government, providing the repatriation of German and British prisoners of war transferred to Switzerland, and

**RELIEF FOR MEN AT THE FRONT.**  
THOMAS asked if arrangements will be made to give relief to men who have been at the front virtually since the commencement of the war.

LLOYD GEORGE—I quite agree that men who have long and continuous service with-

we should have every facility given to  
for such leave this winter. The Com-  
in-Chief in France, with whom I have  
me conversation on the subject, is most  
hetic, and I think we can safely leave  
s hands.

**THE ANTWERP EXPEDITION.**  
ASQUITH, replying to Mr. Fringle, who

Whether, in view of Mr. Churchill's pub-  
 newspaper articles on the Antwerp Ex-  
 he, he could now consent to the publica-  
 the official papers on the subject, said—  
 Expedition is only an incident in  
 sive plan of operations. Owing to  
 reasons it would be impossible to sub-  
 whole of the relevant papers at the  
 time.

**THE DESTROYER RAID.**  
BILLING asked the First Lord of the Admiralty whether there was any information as to the part played by the German air fleet in the destroyer raid, and what part or parts it had played.

LACNAMARA, who replied, said that the answer to the first part of the question was—

negative, and the answer to the second is "none."

**THE SUBMARINE MENACE.**

LAMBERT asked the Prime Minister if, having regard to the anxiety felt for our food and transport services, he assure the House, by secret session, or so, that the hostile submarine menace

**THE FOOD CONTROLLER.**

Food Controller, and whether the latter in any way control the home production, as well as its use, distribution, and

PRETTYMAN asked that the question be postponed.

**CASE OF SIR THOMAS BEECHAM.**

HUNT asked the Home Secretary

in view of the fact that Sir Thomas was of military age, he could say a tribunal exempted him from military service.

ORSTER—Inquiries are being made.

INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE POLICIES.

HUNT asked the President of the Board of Trade whether, in view of the figures

the 19 industrial assurance companies in 1914, to the effect that they collect more than twice as much from working men, including soldiers and sailors, as they do from the general public. If the Government is in claims and surrenders, he could now put it he proposes to do to put an end to affairs, by which such a sum of

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